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4928.672, 4928.673, 4928.676, 4928.677, 4928.679, 4928.6719, and  
4928.6721

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**SR 443** ■ **RAIL CREWS (Skindell, M.)** To support the Federal Railroad Administration's proposed rule requiring trains operated in the United States to have at least a two-person crew.

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**SCR 20** ■ **AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY (Peterson, B.)** To support the use of science-based data to assess the impacts and regulation of modern agricultural technologies, and to oppose federal, state, or local legislative or regulatory actions that are not based on sound science and that may result in unnecessary restrictions on the use of modern agricultural technologies.

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**SENATE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS**

Joint Legislative Task Force on Department of Transportation Issues: Appoint Sen. LaRose to replace Sen. Manning

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## Daily Activity Planner for Tuesday, April 26

### Legislative Committees

House Ways & Means (Committee Record) (Chr. McClain, J., 644-6265), Rm. 121, 9:30 a.m.

- SB 172** **BULLION TAXES** (Jordan, K.) To exempt from sales and use taxes the sale or use of investment metal bullion and coins. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 473** **TAX POLICY** (Amstutz, R.) To require voter approval before a county may levy a new utilities services tax, to allow small businesses to count employees of related or affiliated entities towards satisfying the employment criteria of the business investment tax credit, to permit a bad debt refund for cigarette and tobacco product excise taxes paid when a purchaser fails to pay a dealer for the cigarettes or tobacco products and the unpaid amount is charged off as uncollectible by the dealer, and to allow vendors to receive a refund of sales taxes remitted for bad debts on private label credit cards when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit card lender. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 297** **TAX CREDIT** (Hill, B.) To authorize a refundable income tax credit for current livestock owners who invest in a manure storage or treatment facility or acquire manure application equipment or manure handling and transportation equipment. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

House Education (Committee Record) (Chr. Brenner, A., 466-6711), Rm. 017, overflow in 018, 9:30 a.m.

- Presentation from the Ohio Department of Education on value-added.

- HB 524** **SCHOOL RATINGS** (Cupp, R., Smith, R.) To review the value-added progress dimension measure used for purposes of state report card ratings for school districts and schools. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 487** **BILITERACY** (LaTourette, S., Roegner, K.) To require the State Board of Education to establish the state Seal of Biliteracy to be attached or affixed to the high school transcripts of qualifying students. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 481** **STUDENT ENROLLMENT** (Thompson, A., Koehler, K.) To revise the requirements regarding student enrollment reporting for public schools, mandatory student withdrawal policies, and scholarship program eligibility relative to students who choose not to take state assessments during the 2015-2016 school year and to declare an emergency. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 137** **ORGAN DONATION** (Grossman, C., Phillips, D.) To require the health curriculum of each school district to include instruction on the positive effects of organ and tissue donation. (4th Hearing-Possible vote)

**Senate State & Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Uecker, J., 466-8082), North Hearing Rm., 9:45 a.m.**

**SB 220**      **DEFERRED COMPENSATION** (Hottinger, J.) To authorize the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Board and local governments to establish designated Roth account features and other tax-deferred or nontax-deferred features permitted for government deferred compensation plans. (4th Hearing-All testimony)

**HB 359**      **ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY** (Duffey, M., Gonzales, A.) To create an address confidentiality program for victims of domestic violence, menacing by stalking, human trafficking, trafficking in persons, rape, or sexual battery. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**SCR 15**      **FEDERALISM** (Obhof, L., Faber, K.) To reassert the principles of federalism found throughout the Constitution of the United States of America and embodied in the Tenth Amendment, to notify Congress to limit and end certain mandates, and to insist that federal legislation contravening the Tenth Amendment be prohibited or repealed. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 240**      **CORONER LAW** (Huffman, S., Johnson, T.) To recognize that coroners include medical examiners; to change the qualifications for holding office as a coroner of a charter county; to require, under certain conditions, and to authorize, under other conditions, supplemental compensation for coroners who are forensic pathologists; to revise how the office of coroner is filled when a vacancy cannot be filled by election or appointment; to specify the disposition of a firearm when a person meets death under certain circumstances; to specify who pays for the autopsy of an inmate of a state correctional facility; and to make other changes to the coroners' law. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**HB 305**      **RETIREMENT SYSTEMS** (Schuring, K.) To include new nonteaching employees of The University of Akron as members in the Public Employees Retirement System and to make an appropriation for the University's School Employees Retirement System employer surcharge payments. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**House Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Smith, R., 466-1366), Rm. 313, 10 a.m.**

**SB 310**      **CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS** (Oelslager, S.) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects for the biennium ending June 30, 2018. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Pending referral)

**HB 475**      **FILM TAX CREDITS** (Schuring, K.) To authorize motion picture companies to transfer the authority to claim refundable motion picture tax credits to other persons, to adjust how the credit is calculated, to increase the total amount of credits that may be awarded per year, to remove the limit on the maximum credit amount that may be awarded to a motion picture, and to create a job training program for resident film crew members. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 500** **CASE MANAGEMENT (Arndt, S.)** To revise the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program, to establish a case management pilot program, to transfer cash from the Economic Development Program Fund (Fund 5JC0) to the Case Management Pilot Program Fund (Fund 5SK0), and to make an appropriation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)  
**Senate Insurance (Committee Record) (Chr. Hottinger, J., 466-5838), South Hearing Rm., 10:30 a.m.**

**HB 207** **WORKERS COMPENSATION (Henne, M., McColley, R.)** To allow a state fund employer to have a workers' compensation claim that is likely to be subrogated by a third party paid from the surplus fund account in the state insurance fund rather than charged to the employer's experience (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

**SB 273** **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (Bacon, K.)** To enact the Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure Act. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)  
**Canceled: House Session (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 11 a.m.**

- **If needed**

**Canceled: Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Faber, K., 466-7584), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.**  
**Senate Agriculture (Committee Record) (Chr. Hite, C., 466-8150), North Hearing Rm., 11 a.m.**

**HB 178** **WINE SALES (Manning, N.)** To establish the F-10 liquor permit to authorize certain A-2 permit holders to sell Ohio wines at farmers markets. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

**HB 342** **WINERY PERMITS (Young, R.)** To create the Ohio Farm Winery Permit. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

**HB 187** **ANIMAL TREATMENT (Ginter, T.)** To authorize specified emergency personnel to provide certain emergency medical services to an injured dog or cat. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

**SB 151** **DOGS LAW (Beagle, B.)** To revise provisions of the Dogs Law governing nuisance, dangerous, and vicious dogs, to revise enforcement of that Law, and to establish a notification process regarding complaints of certain violations of that Law. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

**HB 60** **COMPANION ANIMAL ABUSE (Hall, D., Patmon, B.)** To revise provisions and penalties regarding treatment of companion animals, to revise the definition of "companion animal" in the Offenses Relating to Domestic Animals Law, and to provide a state collaborative effort to assist veterinarians in identifying clients who may use their animals to secure opioids for abuse. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

**Senate Financial Institutions (Committee Record) (Chr. Hughes, J., 466-5981), Finance Hearing Rm., 11:15 a.m.**

- **Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of John Brown, and Jordan Miller, Jr., Banking Commission and Fred DeBiasi, Jr., Savings and Loan Association and Savings Bank Board.**

**HB 317** **IDENTITY THEFT (Maag, R.)** To enable the parents or guardian of a protected consumer to freeze that consumer's credit to protect the consumer from identity theft. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**HB 303** **DEED PROGRAM (Dever, J., McColley, R.)** To create the D.O.L.L.A.R. Deed Program. (3rd Hearing-Opponent)

**House Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Amstutz, R., 466-1474), Rm. 119, 1 p.m.**

**HB 429** **AUTO TECHNICIANS (Antani, N., Reineke, B.)** Regarding employers of automotive technicians and motor vehicle technicians participating in the Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program. (1st Hearing-Possible amendments & vote)

~~Canceled: Senate Session (Chr. Faber, K., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.~~

~~Canceled: Joint Legislative Task Force on Department of Transportation Issues, Joint Legislative Task Force on Department of Transportation Issues (Chr.~~

~~Manning, G., 466-9690, Chr. Grossman, C., 466-9690), TBD, 2 p.m.~~

- **Tentative meeting**

**House Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development (Committee Record) (Chr. Terhar, L., 466-8258), Rm. 113, 2:15 p.m.**

**HB 418** **SENIOR HOUSING (Barnes, J.)** To enact the "Senior Housing Relief Act" to prohibit the sale of delinquent property tax certificates for homesteads owned for at least 20 years by a person aged 65 or older. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible substitute)

**HB 463** **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES (Dever, J.)** To establish expedited actions to foreclose mortgages on vacant and abandoned residential properties, to permit private selling officers to conduct judicial and execution sales of real property, to state the intent of the General Assembly regarding mortgage foreclosure actions, to revise the Commercial Paper Law relating to mortgages and lost instruments, and to make other changes relative to foreclosure actions. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

**House Energy & Natural Resources (Committee Record) (Chr. Landis, A., 466-8035), Rm. 017, 2:30 p.m.**

**HB 512** **WATER SYSTEMS (Ginter, T.)** To establish requirements governing lead and copper testing for community and nontransient noncommunity water systems, to revise the law governing lead contamination from plumbing fixtures, to make appropriations to the Facilities Construction Commission for purposes of providing grants for lead fixture replacement in eligible schools, and to revise the laws governing the Water Pollution Control Loan and

Drinking Water Assistance Funds. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent-  
Pending referral)

**House Government Accountability & Oversight (Committee Record) (Chr. Brown, T.,  
466-8104), Rm. 121, 2:30 p.m.**

- HJR 6** **TERRORIST NATIONS (Johnson, T.)** Proposing to enact Section 18 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to prohibit state agencies and the state's public retirement systems from contracting with and investing in companies with certain business operations in countries designated as state sponsors of terrorism and to require state agencies and public retirement systems to divest investments from such companies. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- SB 213** **COSMETOLOGY LAW (Jordan, K., Tavares, C.)** To make changes to the Cosmetology Licensing Law. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 471** **COMMISSION ELIMINATION (Brown, T.)** To formally abolish certain boards and commissions that have completed their work and to abolish the Compact with Ohio Cities Task Force. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 476** **STATE CONTRACTING (Schuring, K.)** To prohibit a state agency from contracting with a company that is boycotting Israel or disinvesting from Israel. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 504** **PUBLIC RECORDS (Schuring, K.)** To generally protect a private, nonprofit institution of higher education from liability for a breach of confidentiality or other claim that arises from the institution's disclosure of public records. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**House Select Committee on Medical Marijuana (Chr. Schuring, K., 752-2438), Rm. 313, 3 p.m.**

- HB 523** **MEDICAL MARIJUANA (Huffman, S.)** To authorize the use of marijuana for medical purposes and to establish the Medical Marijuana Control Program. (4th Hearing-All testimony)

**Senate Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Oelslager, S., 466-0626), Finance Hearing Rm., 3 p.m.**

- **Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of Susan Block, Ohio Arts Council; Phil Collins, University of Cincinnati Board of Trustees; Michael Flowers, Minority Development Financing Advisory Board; Will Lucas, University of Toledo Board of Trustees; John Martin, Ohio Higher Educational Facility Commission and William Scala and Joseph Gingo, University of Akron Board of Trustees**

- HB 50** **ADOPTION ASSISTANCE (Pelanda, D., Grossman, C.)** To extend the age for which a person is eligible for federal foster care and adoption assistance payments under Title IV-E to age twenty-one, to provide a ward's bill of rights, to require that a guardian receive the Ohio Guardianship Guide, and to make an appropriation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

- SB 267** **VEHICLE FUELS** (Seitz, B., Peterson, B.) To create the Gaseous Fuel Vehicle Conversion Program, to allow a credit against the income or commercial activity tax for the purchase or conversion of an alternative fuel vehicle, to apply the motor fuel tax to the distribution or sale of compressed natural gas, to authorize a temporary, partial motor fuel tax exemption for sales of liquid and compressed natural gas used as motor fuel, and to make an appropriation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 274** **FINANCIAL LITERACY** (Seitz, B.) To require the Chancellor of Higher Education to create the SmartOhio Financial Literacy Pilot Program at the University of Cincinnati to operate for the 2016-2017 school year and to make an appropriation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 298** **COMMUNITY SCHOOL CONTRACTS** (Schiavoni, J.) Regarding community school operator contracts and the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- House Judiciary** (Committee Record) (**Chr. Butler, J., 644-6008**), **Rm. 116, 3:30 p.m.**
- HB 268** **HUMAN TRAFFICKING** (Hall, D., Dever, J.) To expand the list of human trafficking-related convictions and delinquency adjudications that may be expunged, to increase the penalties for compelling prostitution and promoting prostitution, and to authorize intervention in lieu of conviction for persons charged with committing an offense while a victim of compelling prostitution. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 353** **SEX OFFENDERS** (Ruhl, M.) To require a sheriff to mail a notice to every adult member of a household where a person who is required to register as a sex offender resides informing those household members that the person has committed a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 439** **VOYEURISM** (Anielski, M.) To include an impaired person as a victim of voyeurism and to include conduct involving an impaired person within the offenses of pandering obscenity involving a minor, pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor, and illegal use of a minor in a nudity-oriented material or performance. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 446** **OVI OFFENSES** (Manning, N.) To specify that the prison term that may be imposed for a third degree felony operating a vehicle while intoxicated ("OVI") offense is a definite period of twelve, eighteen, twenty-four, thirty, thirty-six, forty-two, forty-eight, fifty-four, or sixty months, to add "harmful intoxicant" to the definition of "drug of abuse" for the purposes of commercial driver's licensing law, to allow a person to assert the existing affirmative defense of driving in an emergency with regard to a prosecution for driving under a suspended driver's license under specified laws, and to specify that certain enhanced penalties for speeding violations apply regardless of whether the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to speeding. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

**HB 488** **CIVIL LIABILITY (Sprague, R.)** To modify the qualified immunity from civil liability for volunteer health care services provided to indigent and uninsured persons and to permit health care professionals to earn continuing education credit by providing volunteer health care services to indigent and uninsured persons. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**Sunset Review Committee (Committee Record) (Chr. Brown, T., 466-8104), South Hearing Rm., 3:30 p.m.**

- The panel will hear testimony from the Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program Council, Utility Radiological Safety Board, Backflow Advisory Board, Electrical Safety Inspector Advisory Committee, State Fire Council, Citizen's Advisory Council and Student Tuition Recovery Authority. **House Community & Family Advancement (Committee Record) (Chr. Derickson, T., 644-5094), Rm. 114, 4 p.m.**

**HB 493** **CHILD ABUSE REPORTING (Sears, B., Ryan, S.)** To make changes in the child abuse and neglect reporting law. (2nd Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)

**HB 63** **CHILD ABUSE REPORTING (Pelanda, D., Grossman, C.)** To require mandatory reporters of child abuse or neglect to notify the county public children services agency when an attorney in fact under a document that purports to grant parental rights requests services from them, to require the agency to investigate the child's placement with the attorney in fact, and to require the agency to file a dependency complaint if it determines that the placement is unsafe for the child. (6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**Senate Transportation, Commerce & Labor (Committee Record) (Chr. LaRose, F., 466-4823), North Hearing Rm., 4 p.m.**

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointment of Scott Williams, State Fire Commission

**SB 315** **TRANSPORTATION FUNDING (Manning, G.)** To make supplemental appropriations related to transportation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, and to declare an emergency. (1st Hearing-All testimony)

**Senate Education (Committee Record) (Chr. Lehner, P., 466-4538), Finance Hearing Rm., 4 p.m.**

- The panel will hear a presentation from the Department of Education on the Value Added progress measure and consider the governor's appointment of Robert McDonald Jr. to the State Board of Education

**HB 113** **CPR TRAINING (Grossman, C., Manning, N.)** To require instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator as a requirement for high school graduation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 425** **RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION (Hayes, B.)** Regarding student religious expression. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**SB 297** **STUDENT EXPULSIONS (Hughes, J.)** With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for



communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

### **Agency Calendar**

**Board of Building Appeals, Division of Industrial Compliance, 6606 Tussing Road, Training Room 1, Reynoldsburg, 9 a.m.**

**Health Services Price Disclosure Study Committee, Lazarus Building, 5th Floor, 141 S. High St., Columbus, 9 a.m.**

**Minority Development Financing Advisory Board, Rm. East B., 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 10 a.m.**

**Racing Commission, 77 South High St., Room West B & C - 31st Floor, Columbus, 10 a.m.**

### **Event Planner**

**League of Women Voters of Ohio's annual Statehouse Day**

**CFAES Research and Extension Legislative Luncheon (Ohio State University), Statehouse Atrium, Columbus, 11 a.m.**

**Ohio House Democratic Caucus fundraiser, Rambling House, 310 E. Hudson St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (Sponsor: \$2,500, \$1,000, \$500, \$250 to House Democratic Caucus Fund and/or Committee to Elect Fred Strahorn)**

**Rep. Barbara Sears (R-Monclova Township) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Tally Ho Room, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Sponsor: \$500; Individual: \$350 to Citizens for Sears)**

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### **Public employee pay**

- Generally eliminates statutory salary schedules and steps.
- Requires performance-based pay for most public employees, including board and commission members, and makes other, related changes.
- Requires performance-based pay for teachers based, in part, on evaluations conducted under a policy that is based on a framework for teacher evaluations that has been recommended by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and adopted by the State Board of Education.

### **Public employee benefits**

- Limits public employer contributions toward health care benefit costs to 85%.
- Requires health care benefits provided to management level employees to be the same as any health care benefits provided to other employees of the same public employer.
- Requires health care benefits provided through a jointly administered trust fund to be the same as the health care benefits provided to other public employees.
- Requires boards of education to adopt policies to provide leave with pay for school employees and abolishes statutorily provided leave for those employees.
- Abolishes continuing contracts for teachers, except for those continuing contracts in existence prior to the effective date of the act and revises the law relating to limited contracts.
- Prohibits a public employer from paying employee contributions to the five public employee retirement systems.
- Requires death benefits paid under the Police and Fire Pension Fund to be paid in accordance with salary schedules and increases that were in existence prior to the effective date of the act.
- Caps vacation leave for certain public employees at 7.7 hours per biweekly pay period and limits total accrual for those public employees currently accruing 9.2 hours per pay period.
- Reduces sick leave accrual for most public employees from 4.6 hours to 3.1 hours per biweekly pay period

### **Reduction in force**

- Removes consideration of seniority and length of service, by itself, from decisions regarding a reduction in work force of certain public employees.

### **Ohio Commission for Excellence in Public Service**

- **Creates the Ohio Commission for Excellence in Public Service to establish and guide programs that foster best practices in public service workplaces.**

**From:** Lenzo, Mike  
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**To:** Lenzo, Mike  
**Subject:** JLEC Memo on Political Conventions  
**Attachments:** 2016 JLEC Memo on Political Conventions.pdf

**Importance:** High

To All House Republican Members and Staff:

Attached you will find the 2016 JLEC memorandum on attending a political convention. With the Republican National Convention being located in Cleveland in July, there will likely be many members and staff who decide to attend the convention in various capacities, as well as many different receptions and other events associated with the convention. The attached JLEC memo will help explain the ethics implications of many of the situations that may arise during the convention.

The most important detail to remember regarding the Republican National Convention is that it is a **campaign event**. The exemption that applies to the meetings of national conferences that the General Assembly pays dues to (such as NCSL, ALEC, CSG, etc) **does not apply to the Republican National Convention.**

There will be many different situations that arise regarding the convention. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Senate and House Caucus Counsel

**From:** Office of the Legislative Inspector General

**Date:** April 26, 2016

**RE:** *Attendance at National Political Party Nominating Conventions*

Members of the General Assembly and legislative staff may be in attendance at the presidential nominating convention ("political convention") for their respective political parties later this summer. In addition to the actual convention, many events will be held in the host cities (RNC - Cleveland and DNC - Philadelphia) at the same time. These events are likely to be hosted by a variety of different organizations. The purpose of this memo is to review the limitations on what may be accepted and the reporting requirements for Members and legislative staff in attendance.<sup>1</sup> This information is applicable to those in attendance whether as Delegates or as general attendees.

#### **I. Financial Disclosure Requirements – Meals and Beverages:**

Members and legislative employees<sup>2</sup> must identify the source of all **official** meals and beverages where the value exceeds \$100, aggregated per calendar year in *Section 10: Meals, Food and Beverages* on their financial disclosure statement. Only meals *incurred in connection* with the person's official duties must be reported on the financial disclosure statement. In order for a meal to be *incurred in connection* with the person's official duties, it is necessary that the functions are related to, or associated with, the individual's position as a public official or employee. Attendance at a political convention is not related to, or associated with, a person's official duties with the General Assembly. Therefore, meals and other food and beverages

<sup>1</sup> Although questions have been raised in the media as to the applicability of R.C. 2921.02 or 3599.01 "Bribery" in the context of national conventions, JLEC's jurisdiction and enforcement authority does not include R.C. 2921.02 or 3599.01 "Bribery". This memorandum addresses expenditure limits applicable in the absence of bribery.

<sup>2</sup> For financial disclosure reporting purposes, legislative employees are those employees of the General Assembly or any legislative agency that file a financial disclosure statement.

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## **II. Financial Disclosure Requirements – Meals and Beverages from Lobbying Sources:**

Meals and beverages provided to a Member or legislative employee directly from an Ohio legislative agent or the employer of an Ohio legislative agent, will be reported by the legislative agent or employer regardless of whether the meals and beverages were related to official duties. Meals and beverages provided by a legislative agent to a Member of the General Assembly or legislative staff while attending a political convention count towards the \$75 annual limit. **The “national conference exception,” often referenced when discussing Ohio’s ethics and lobbying laws, does not apply to political party nominating conventions.**

Members and all legislative staff are reminded that they are prohibited from accepting more than \$75, aggregated per calendar year, in meals and beverages from a legislative agent.<sup>4</sup> This limit does not apply to meals and beverages from the employer of a legislative agent.<sup>5</sup> A Member’s or legislative employee’s name will be included in a legislative agent’s Activity and Expenditure Report, if he or she accepts more than \$50 in meals and beverages from the legislative agent in a calendar year.<sup>6</sup> Meals and Beverages received from the employer of a legislative agent are reportable from \$0.01. A Member or legislative employee whose name appears on a lobbying expenditure report will include this information on his or her financial disclosure statement, under *Section 11: Non-disputed Information*.

*Please note:* Meals and beverages provided at an All-Invited Event do not count towards the \$75 annual limit or trigger the reporting of a recipient’s name on a lobbying report. An All-Invited Event is a dinner, party, or reception to which all Members of the General Assembly, or all Members of either chamber of the General Assembly, are invited to attend. An event need not be exclusive to General Assembly Members to be considered an All-Invited Event.<sup>7</sup>

## **III. Financial Disclosure Requirements – Gifts:**

Members and legislative employees must identify the source of a gift where the value of the gift or gifts, aggregated per calendar year exceeds \$75 (or if received from a legislative agent, \$25) in *Section 9: Gifts* on their financial disclosure statement.<sup>8</sup> Members and all legislative

<sup>3</sup> Generally, receptions are considered to fall under the meal section where the main purpose of the event is for social gathering and not entertainment, even assuming there is some type of background entertainment. However, where the main purpose is entertainment (i.e., a well-known band is hired to perform a concert), that would be considered a gift.

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 102.031(C)(2); § 5(B)(2) Legislative Code of Ethics.

<sup>5</sup> To determine whether an expenditure is attributable to a legislative agent or an employer, the Ohio Legislative Inspector General (OLIG) uses a “point of sale” test. From the perspective of the recipient, the OLIG asks: “at the time of the expenditure, who would the recipient say paid for or provided the expenditure?” See Ohio Lobbying Handbook, at 46.

<sup>6</sup> Legislative Agents may spend up to \$50.00 aggregated per calendar year per reportable person without itemizing the expenditure. See Ohio Lobbying Handbook, at 41.

<sup>7</sup> R.C. 101.73(D).

<sup>8</sup> R.C. 102.02(A)(2)(g). Generally, a gift provided to a spouse is for the use or benefit of the Member or employee (i.e., spouse is receiving the gift because he or she is the spouse of the Member or employee).

staff are reminded of the prohibition on accepting more than \$75, aggregated per calendar year, in gifts from a legislative agent.<sup>9</sup> A legislative agent or employer of a legislative agent who provides a gift valued at more than \$25, must report the Member or legislative employee as the recipient of a gift on their corresponding Activity and Expenditure Report.<sup>10</sup> In turn, a Member or legislative employee whose name appears on a lobbying expenditure report will include this information on his or her financial disclosure statement, under *Section 11: Non-disputed Information*.

**A. Charitable Fundraisers – Tickets:**

A non-political fundraiser is one held by a non-profit charitable organization. A ticket to a non-political fundraiser where the source of the ticket is the entity hosting the event is not a gift for lobbying or financial disclosure reporting purposes.<sup>11</sup> However, Members and legislative staff are reminded that a complimentary ticket to a non-political fundraiser where the source of the ticket is a third party is a gift.<sup>12</sup> Where the source of the complimentary ticket is a third party, the value of the ticket is the portion of the ticket price that is not a tax-deductible charitable donation.<sup>13</sup>

**B. Political Fundraisers – Tickets:**

Regarding the acceptance and reporting of tickets to political fundraisers, Members and legislative employees are reminded that a ticket to a political fundraiser given to a Member or legislative staff by a person other than the candidate or committee on whose behalf the fundraiser is being held is a gift.<sup>14</sup> The value of which, is the actual face value of admission.<sup>15</sup> However, complimentary attendance at a political fundraising event is not considered a gift if the source of the complimentary admission is the candidate/committee hosting the event.<sup>16</sup>

**C. Reporting of Social Events Held by the Political Parties During the Political Conventions:**

During the political conventions, the national (RNC/DNC), state (Ohio Republican Party/Ohio Democratic Party), and/or local political parties will also likely hold non-fundraising social events as part of the political conventions. The costs incurred for the social events may be offset by financial support provided to the national, state, or local political parties from third parties, including those who are registered lobbyists or the employers of registered lobbyists. Where the Member or legislative employee is invited by a national, state, or local political party to attend the event hosted by the party, the source of the gift for financial disclosure statement reporting purposes is the party organization hosting/inviting the Member

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Therefore, the amount of the gift must be added to the amount, if any, of the gift received by the Member or employee.

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<sup>10</sup> Admin. Code 101-9-01(D)(2).

<sup>11</sup> 2000 JLEC Advisory Op. 2000-002; See R.C. 102.02(A)(2)(g).

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or legislative reportable person. Mere financial support provided by sponsors to the national, state, or local political parties does not trigger financial disclosure or lobbying reporting by those sponsors.

#### **IV. Prohibition – Travel:**

Members and legislative staff are prohibited from accepting travel expenses<sup>17</sup> from a legislative agent **except actual travel expenses related to official duties**, which Members and legislative employees must identify under *Section 8: Travel* on their financial disclosure statement.<sup>18</sup> Travel payments or reimbursements made to a Member or legislative employee for attendance at a presidential national convention **are not incurred in connection with their official duties**. As such, except for each car trip under 50 miles one way, Members and legislative staff are prohibited from accepting actual transportation/lodging expenses from a legislative agent for any travel related to attendance at a political convention.<sup>19</sup>

Please note that travel expenses paid for or reimbursed **by a campaign committee** are not considered gifts for financial disclosure purposes. These reimbursements will be reported in campaign finance reports, thus serving the public interest of full and fair disclosure. Reasonable, ordinary, necessary and verifiable expenses for a candidate/officeholder and spouse to attend a party's national convention are considered to be legitimate campaign fund expenditures.<sup>20</sup>

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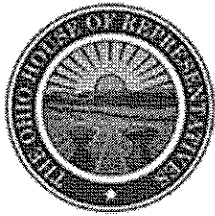
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<sup>18</sup> R.C. 102.031(C)(1); R.C. 102.03(H); § 5(B)(1) Legislative Code of Ethics.

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<sup>20</sup> Ohio Elections Commission Advisory Opinion 96ELC-09, available at <http://elc.ohio.gov/AdvisoryOpinion/96ELC-09.pdf>.

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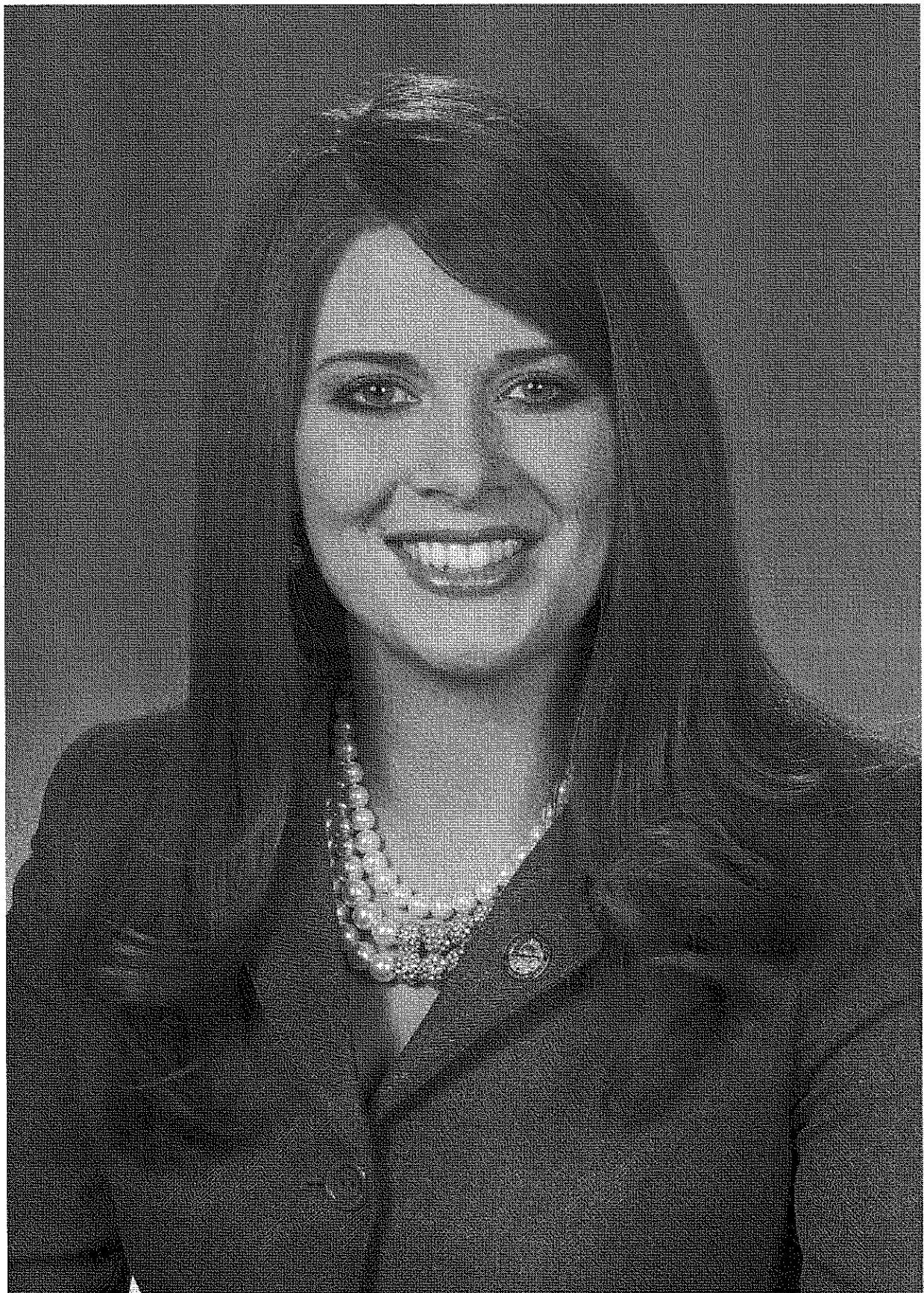
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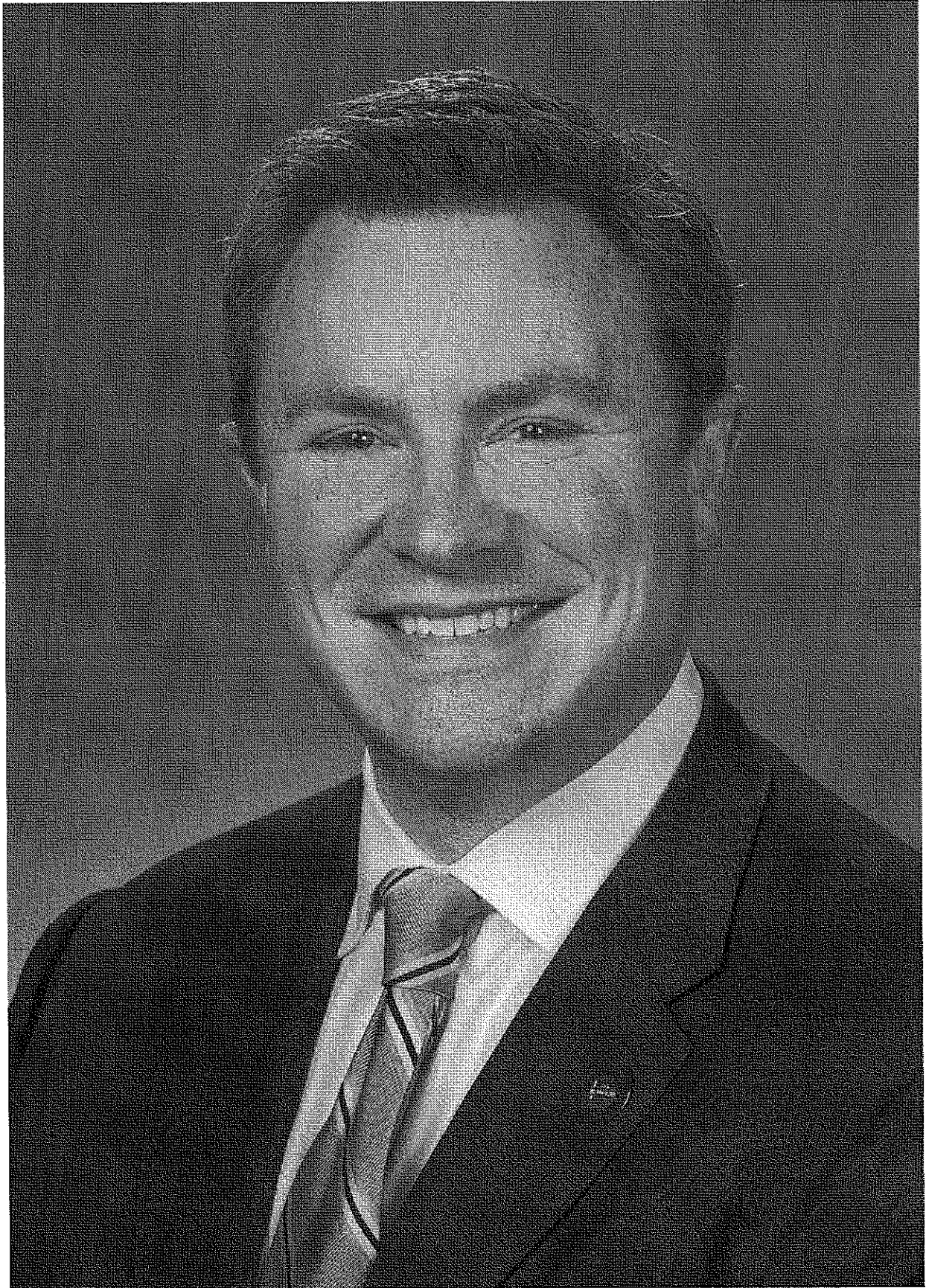
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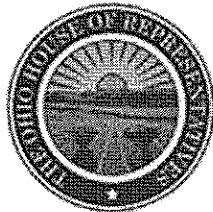




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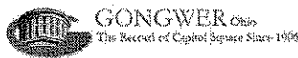
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State Treasurer Josh Mandel on Wednesday announced the launch of a program enabling people living with certain disabilities to save and invest money without losing eligibility for certain public benefits programs.

Earnings from the State Treasury Achieving a Better Life Experience Accounts aren't subject to federal income tax and the money in the accounts would be exempt from state and federal means testing for programs such as Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance.

"As treasurer of Ohio I am proud to serve as administrator of STABLE Accounts," Treasurer Mandel said in a statement. "By assisting individuals and families with saving and investing, we are supporting persons with disabilities to maintain health, independence and quality of life."

Ohio is the first state to provide the accounts, which were made possible by federal legislation in 2014, according to the treasurer's office. Legislation (HB 155) signed by Gov. John Kasich last July directed the treasurer to implement the program, originally named ABLE.

The accounts are designed to help people with disabilities gain more economic opportunities without jeopardizing their eligibility for care under government programs.

"Today is a historical achievement as now ABLE accounts are a reality for all individuals with disabilities in America thanks to the hard work of so many dedicated advocates from across the US," said National Down Syndrome Society President Sara Hart Weir. "We couldn't be more proud to participate in the launch of the STABLE Accounts in Ohio."

Ohio's program is open to anyone across the country who meets eligibility requirements, though the fees are higher for people who live out-of-state. Ohio residents will pay \$2.50 per month to maintain the accounts, while residents of other states will pay \$5 per month. Ohio residents will pay an asset-based fee of between 0.19-0.34%, depending on investment options, while out-of-state residents will pay a fee between 0.45- 0.60%.

Participants can use the money from the account for qualified expenses, including education, health care, housing and transportation. Participants will be able to choose between five different investment strategies that range in risk levels, including a banking approach that offers no risk and is backed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

"Ohio, by providing these tax-advantaged savings accounts to children and adults with disabilities, has begun to pave the way for a transformative opportunity for one of our country's most disenfranchised populations," said Christopher Rodriguez, senior public policy adviser of the National Disability Institute. "The benefits of these STABLE Accounts will surely promote people with disabilities, and their families, to save for their futures and become a more significant part of the economic mainstream."

The accounts have a yearly contribution limit of \$14,000. Accounts can be set up for free on the program's website, and an initial contribution of \$50 is required.

The legislation that enabled the program passed the House and Senate unanimously last year. The bill's sponsors, Reps. Jonathan Dever (R-Cincinnati) and Margaret Condit (R-Liberty Twp.) said it would help lift people with disabilities out of poverty by allowing them to make and save more money without losing vital programs for their care. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 20, 2015)

### **Brown Touts Columbus Transportation Future As Federal Grant Is Announced For Bus Program**

Federal officials were in Columbus Wednesday to announce a \$37 million grant designed to improve public transit in a corridor of Columbus.

The grant, presented by Federal Transit Administration Acting Administrator Carolyn Flowers and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Avon), is designed to help fund a bus rapid transit system along the Cleveland Avenue corridor in Northeast Columbus.

Sen. Brown praised the system as a way of improving access to jobs and increasing opportunities for people who use the route. The system will cut down on the time people spend waiting for buses and riding buses, he said.

"One of the beauties of doing this right in such a progressive city like Columbus is it will make people's lives better and make their time more theirs," he said.

The bus rapid transit program, known as CMAX, will stretch from downtown to Westerville, with 32 bus stops, two new park-and-ride lots and 15 new compressed natural gas buses. It is expected to launch in January 2018.

COTA President and CEO W. Curtis Stitt praised Sen. Brown for his work to maintain the level of funding for public transit programs in the latest long-term transportation authorization bill.

"Without his steadfast support, funding for this would have been impossible," Mr. Stitt said.

After the event and ceremonial grant signing, Sen. Brown said he believed the new bus line would help Columbus win the U.S. Department of Transportation's Smart City Challenge.

The Ohio Legislature last week adopted a resolution (SCR 21) urging the DOT to choose Columbus. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 24, 2016)

Winning the Smart City Challenge, he said would be bigger than just winning \$40 million for transportation programs, he said. Columbus groups have offered an additional \$90 million in investment if Columbus, one of seven national finalists, lands the grant this summer.

"It makes us bigger as a city and as a state nationally," Sen. Brown said. "There will be all kinds of creative people in Central Ohio parlaying that into all kinds of things."

Sen. Brown also said he didn't think the CMAX program precludes Columbus from receiving funding for possible light rail programs later on.

"We're not saying no to light rail," he said. "I think that nothing's off the table."

#### **Restraining Order Extended In Planned Parenthood Defund; Group Reaches Settlement Over Fetal Remains**

Planned Parenthood scored two legal victories in recent days, including Wednesday's extension of a temporary restraining order preventing the state from defunding the organization.

The TRO extension was issued by federal Judge Michael Barrett and will remain in effect until Aug. 5. Another hearing on the matter is scheduled for Aug. 2.

Planned Parenthood cheered the ruling in a statement issued Wednesday afternoon.

"Without the action by the court today, some of Ohio's most vulnerable citizens would be left without health care options. Especially for families in underserved areas, Planned Parenthood is the only place to turn," said Iris Harvey, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio.

"Our government should be supporting programs that serve to improve the health and safety of our communities, not using Ohioans as political pawns. We want the people of Ohio to know one thing: Our doors are staying open, no matter what."

Right to Life Ohio blasted the ruling as judicial activism.

"The decision to extend the restraining order casts a light on the might and influence of Big Abortion, even in a pro-life state. Despite the will of Ohio voters, an unelected judge just halted their democratically enacted, constitutional law by another two months," spokeswoman Katherine Franklin said in a statement. "The conscience rights of all Ohioans, including pro-life Ohioans, matter. By preventing the enactment of this legislation, the judge is sending the opposite signal to half of Ohio's voters."



The defunding of the group - which would cost Planned Parenthood \$1.1 million annually in state money - was approved by lawmakers through a bill (HB 294) signed into law by Gov. John Kasich earlier this year. The cutoff was set to go into effect on May 23.

However, Judge Barrett last week initially issued a temporary restraining order through June 6, ruling the organization was likely to succeed in its lawsuit on both First Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment grounds. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 23, 2016)

In a separate case, the organization has reached a settlement with the Department of Health that will require the state to pay \$45,447 in attorney fees. Federal Judge Edmund A. Sargus Jr. will maintain jurisdiction over the case to ensure the settlement agreement is enforced.

The settlement stems from an investigation by Attorney General Mike DeWine that allegedly found that Planned Parenthood affiliates violated Ohio Administrative Code by handing over fetal remains to companies that dispose of them in landfills - a claim the group denied. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 11, 2015)

The court, however, issued a 28-day temporary restraining order against any legal action stemming from the AG's investigation into the group's abortion policies. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 15, 2015)

Soon after, Mr. DeWine announced that he would not enforce the "humane disposal" section of the Administrative Code while the Department of Health and General Assembly sought to further clarify the law. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 18, 2015)

Mr. DeWine's investigation led to a flurry of legislative activity, including a measure (HB 417) that would require the woman seeking an abortion to choose either burial or cremation. Another bill (HB 419) would require the director of the Department of Health to adopt rules requiring abortion facilities to dispose of fetal remains by burial or cremation. Similar legislation (SB 254) was introduced in and recently cleared the Senate.

### **Senate, Committees Set To Return Late September**

The Senate and its committees are set to return to Columbus in late September, according to a schedule released by the chamber on Wednesday.

Senate President Keith Faber (R-Celina) has set session and committee dates on September 27, 28 and 29, followed by meetings on October 4, 5 and 6.

The chamber could then return to action after the November election, with if-needed dates set for November 9 and 10.

Dates are also scheduled for November 15, 16, 22 (if needed), 29 and 30.

The chamber is set for session and committee dates on December 1, 6, 7 and 8, with if-needed sessions on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

The House last week released its schedule for the remainder of the year, with the calendar showing as many as eight session dates. None of the dates on the House schedule are before the election. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 27, 2016)

### **State Plans Quicker Notification For Harmful Algal Blooms**

State agencies have retooled their approach to public outreach efforts when it comes to harmful algal blooms in the state's recreational waterways.

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the departments of Health and Natural Resources, in a joint announcement, recently outlined a new strategy to increase awareness among citizens before they enter the water.

As part of the plan, the state will be quicker in issuing public health advisories by basing those alerts solely on the levels of harmful algal bloom toxins, such as microcystin, ODH Medical Director Mary DiOrio said.

Advisories were previously declared only following documented health issues thought to be caused by algal toxins.

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"In this case it's clear that veterans were nothing more than a prop for Donald Trump when he needed them...and he only actually paid up what he said he'd already paid when called on it later," Mr. Pepper continued. "All this shows Donald Trump is not fit to be president."

Mr. Trump attributed the delay in issuing the checks to the process of vetting the various charities. He did not explain the discrepancy between the \$5.6 million figure and his previous claims to have raised more than \$6 million. He said veterans were greatly pleased by his contribution and support.

"I have raised a tremendous amount of money for the vets," Mr. Trump said. "I have been thanked by so many veterans groups throughout the United States."

He made additional headlines Tuesday for the combative nature of his press conference, during which he blasted the media - calling one reporter "a sleaze" - and said he would continue that contentious relationship with the media if elected president.

Mr. Worley, an Adams County commissioner who served three tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, questioned Mr. Trump's leadership following the candidate's early criticism of Sen. John McCain for being captured as a prisoner of war and for his conflicting statements on the permissibility of torture.

"Trump is a classic example of someone who will promise things - say he's doing things for veterans - but will turn around and not follow through on his promises," Mr. Worley said. "He is not a leader that cares about people. He only cares about himself."

During Mr. Trump's press conference, 22-year retired Marine and New Hampshire State Rep. Al Baldasaro shot back against claims Mr. Trump doesn't support veterans.

"I would never in a million years put my name on a candidate who did not from his heart look me in the eye and tell me he is concerned about veterans," Mr. Baldasaro said, urging the media to "get your heads out of your butts and focus on the real issues."

**Politics Notebook: ACLU Concerned With RNC Media Restrictions; Brown Talks Pensions; Portman Airs First TV Ads...**

On Wednesday, the ACLU of Ohio voiced concerns that potential flight restrictions and new credentialing procedures will hinder media access to the Republican National Convention.

In a letter to media outlets, ACLU Legal Director Freda Levenson said, "Increased control by the government over media access at the RNC presents serious First Amendment concerns."

Journalists planning to cover the July event in Cleveland must currently be screened and credentialed by the Secret Service. And expanded use of flight restrictions could be implemented by the Federal Aviation Administration to create no-fly zones around the event.

"The new credentialing process may reduce the ability of reporters to get access to events as they unfold," Ms. Levenson wrote. "Restrictions put in place by the FAA could completely block the ability of news agencies to obtain aerial footage of the convention, protests, and the actions of law enforcement."

A day prior, Cleveland leaders announced new security plans for the event, which is expected to draw 50,000 people. Officials didn't provide specifics - saying that doing so could compromise security - but outlined the training and organizational efforts being undertaken in advance of the event.

The same day, the RNC Host Committee announced a joint beautification effort to establish "a brighter, more welcoming experience along the main pedestrian and vehicular thoroughfares in downtown Cleveland."

**Pensions:** U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), while in Columbus with federal transportation officials to present a \$37 million grant to the Central Ohio Transit Authority (*see separate story*), criticized Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky) for blocking a bill Sen. Brown sponsored to shore up pension plans for miners.

Sen. Brown has been pushing for the Senate to consider the Miners Protection Act he sponsored alongside Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) before breaking for the summer. The bill is an effort to address the shortfall in the United Mine Workers of America's 1974 pension plan, which was 94% funded before 2008 and is now severely underfunded due to the financial crisis and fewer active workers, according to Sen. Brown's office.

"One senator, the Republican leader in the Senate, has blocked the Senate from doing its job to protect these miners," Sen. Brown said.

Sen. Brown stressed the "urgent need" to address the pension shortfall in a letter to Sen. McConnell last week.

The senator also said he hoped lawmakers could work together to fix similar pension concerns faced by Teamsters.

**Cincinnati Zoo:** Rep. Denise Driehaus (D-Cincinnati) urged citizens to wait for investigations to conclude before jumping to conclusions about the recent killing of a gorilla after a 3-year-old boy entered the animal's exhibit.

A 17-year-old silverback, named Harambe, was shot and killed May 28 after the boy crawled into the exhibit and fell 15 feet into a moat separating the animals from visitors. Protestors said the gorilla appeared to be protecting the boy, although video, which does not show the entire ordeal, shows the 450-pound animals dragging the boy by the leg through the moat several times.

Protestors argue workers should have tranquilized the animal. But zoo officials contend doing so could have enraged the gorilla and that tranquilizers would take up to 10 minutes to go into effect.

In the wake of the incident, Sen. Cecil Thomas (D-Cincinnati) told the *Cincinnati Enquirer* he's looking into whether a law should be drafted to levy fines or criminal charges on one who causes the death, by their negligence, of an endangered animal.

In a statement Wednesday, Rep. Driehaus said she'd spoken "at length" with Cincinnati Zoo Director Thane Maynard and urged caution from those judging actions of zoo officials and the family involved.

"I trust the zoo officials and am confident they exercised their best professional judgment given the harrowing circumstances," Rep. Driehaus said. "Though losing Harambe is truly tragic, our community can take comfort in the fact that the zoo prevented the serious injury or death of a three-year-old child. I am thankful the zoo protected this young boy's life."

Later in the day, the *Enquirer* reported that an investigation had concluded and no charges would be filed.

**U.S. Senate Race:** U.S. Sen. Rob Portman's (R-Terrace Park) reelection campaign launched his first television ads this week.

The three ads are intended to showcase Sen. Portman's efforts to combat the prescription drug and heroin epidemic. They're part of a \$15 million ad buy stretching until November that was announced last month. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 12, 2016)

"Working together with Democrats and Republicans, I passed legislation to help break the grip of addiction," Sen. Portman said in one of the ads. "By investing in prevention, treatment, and recovery, empowering law enforcement, and stopping the over prescribing of painkillers, we can turn the tide."

NARAL Pro-Choice America, meanwhile, announced its own ad campaign targeting Sen. Portman. The campaign is aimed at pressuring Sen. Portman and other Republicans to fulfill the ongoing Supreme Court vacancy.

"NARAL is stepping up to ensure Sen. Portman does the job the people of Ohio elected him to do," NARAL Senior Vice President Sasha Bruce said.

Sen. Portman, who like many of his colleagues believes the next president should fill the post, previously said his stance is "the right thing for the country." (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 9, 2016)

Former Democratic Gov. Ted Strickland, who's running in an effort to unseat Sen. Portman, landed the endorsement of the American Federation of Teachers, the group announced Wednesday.

"The future of our state depends on whether we are committed to our children," Ohio Federation of Teachers President Melissa Cropper said. "Ohio students and parents need the kind of arduous support Governor Strickland provides in making education his highest priority."

#### **Capitol Scene: Kasich Names Kalmbach Press Secretary; Buckeye Institute Adds Research, Communications Staff**

Gov. John Kasich on Wednesday named Emmalee Kalmbach as his press secretary.

Currently the communications director for Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor, the Bob Jones University graduate recently served as a member of the communications team for the governor's presidential campaign.

The native of Littleton, N.H. is also the former communications director for the Massachusetts Republican Party.

Ms. Kalmbach replaces Joe Andrews, who has been serving as the governor's interim press secretary since Rob Nichols departed last summer to work on the campaign. Mr. Andrews will return to his position as communications director for the Department of Public Safety.

In another development impacting the governor's staff, Jon Keeling, a former political blogger and deputy communications director for Mr. Kasich, has been named spokesman for the Department of Job and Family Services.

**Buckeye Institute:** The Columbus-based free market think tank on Wednesday announced two new staff members with the aim of focusing on budget and labor issues.

Orphe Divounguy was named economist in the Institute's Economic Research Center, and Jeff Reed will serve as the group's communications director.

Mr. Divounguy's research will focus on current economic issues, including public assistance programs and labor policies, and will entail "dynamic" scoring and analysis of

budgets in Ohio and other states, according to the group. Mr. Reed will lead the organization's state and national press relations and marketing.

"We are excited about the ideas and experience Jeff and Orphe bring to The Buckeye Institute and to Ohio," President and CEO Robert Alt said in a statement.

"The expansion of our Economic Research Center will make Buckeye the go-to resource for economic analysis of legislation. And Mr. Reed's extensive background in marketing will assure that our ideas are seen around the state and across the country."

Mr. Divounguy holds degrees from England's University of Southampton, and after receiving his Ph.D., he served as a teaching and research fellow and international economic consultant.

Mr. Reed previously served as the global communications leader for Corporate Responsibility at Indiana-based Cummins Inc. The Ohio University graduate previously held posts with the Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice and the American Legislative Exchange Council in Washington, D.C.

#### **Governor's Appointments**

**Community Schools Dropout Recovery Study Committee:** Alex Johnson of Solon for a term beginning May 31, 2016 and continuing at the pleasure of the governor.

**Cleveland State University Board of Trustees:** Todd C. Davidson of Cleveland for a term beginning May 31, 2016 and ending May 1, 2025.

**Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas:** Thomas D. Heekin Jr. of Cincinnati will assume office on June 6, 2016 and must run in the November 2016 general election to retain the seat for the full term commencing January 4, 2017. Mr. Heekin holds degrees from the University of Colorado and University of Cincinnati. He has been a criminal litigator for Heekin & Heekin since 2002.

**State Employment Relations Board:** J. Richard Lumpe of Columbus for a term beginning June 1, 2016 and ending October 6, 2021.

#### **Supplemental Agency Calendar**

##### **Thursday, June 2**

Elections Commission, Rm. East B., 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

##### **Monday, June 6**

STEM Designation Committee, 25 S. Front St., Columbus, 1 p.m.

##### **Wednesday, June 8**

Consumers' Counsel Governing Board, Suite 1800, 10 W. Broad St., Columbus, 9 a.m.



**Thursday, June 16**

Expositions Commission, Voinovich Center, 717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, 11 a.m.

**Supplemental Event Planner**

**Thursday, June 30**

20th Annual Rockin' Fiscal Eve, Miller's Ale House, 1201 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, 5 p.m.,  
(All-invited celebration  
of the end of MBRs in FY 2016 with MBRs (Massive Beer Rounds). Parking adjacent to building.)

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## Senate Activity for Wednesday, June 1, 2016

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**SB 337**  **ROAD NAMING (Hughes, J.)** To designate a portion of Interstate Route 270 in Franklin County as the "Hilliard Patrol Officer Sean Johnson Memorial Highway." Am. 5534.44

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## **Daily Activity Planner for Thursday, June 2**

### **Legislative Committees**

No legislative committees scheduled.

### **Agency Calendar**

Construction Industry Licensing Board, 6606 Tussing Road, OCILB Conference Room, Reynoldsburg, 10 a.m. (HVAC Section)

Elections Commission, Rm. East B., 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

State Employment Relations Board, 65 E. State St., 12th Fl., Columbus, 10 a.m.

### **Event Planner**

Ohio Department of Taxation public hearing on proposed current agricultural use values, 22nd Floor, 30 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 10 a.m.

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Earnings from the State Treasury Achieving a Better Life Experience Accounts aren't subject to federal income tax and the money in the accounts would be exempt from state and federal means testing for programs such as Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance.

"As treasurer of Ohio I am proud to serve as administrator of STABLE Accounts," Treasurer Mandel said in a statement. "By assisting individuals and families with saving and investing, we are supporting persons with disabilities to maintain health, independence and quality of life."

Ohio is the first state to provide the accounts, which were made possible by federal legislation in 2014, according to the treasurer's office. Legislation (HB 155) signed by Gov. John Kasich last July directed the treasurer to implement the program, originally named ABLE.

The accounts are designed to help people with disabilities gain more economic opportunities without jeopardizing their eligibility for care under government programs.

"Today is a historical achievement as now ABLE accounts are a reality for all individuals with disabilities in America thanks to the hard work of so many dedicated advocates from across the US," said National Down Syndrome Society President Sara Hart Weir. "We couldn't be more proud to participate in the launch of the STABLE Accounts in Ohio."

Ohio's program is open to anyone across the country who meets eligibility requirements, though the fees are higher for people who live out-of-state. Ohio residents will pay \$2.50 per month to maintain the accounts, while residents of other states will pay \$5 per month. Ohio residents will pay an asset-based fee of between 0.19-0.34%, depending on investment options, while out-of-state residents will pay a fee between 0.45- 0.60%.

Participants can use the money from the account for qualified expenses, including education, health care, housing and transportation. Participants will be able to choose between five different investment strategies that range in risk levels, including a banking approach that offers no risk and is backed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

"Ohio, by providing these tax-advantaged savings accounts to children and adults with disabilities, has begun to pave the way for a transformative opportunity for one of our country's most disenfranchised populations," said Christopher Rodriguez, senior public policy adviser of the National Disability Institute. "The benefits of these STABLE Accounts will surely promote people with disabilities, and their families, to save for their futures and become a more significant part of the economic mainstream."

The accounts have a yearly contribution limit of \$14,000. Accounts can be set up for free on the program's website, and an initial contribution of \$50 is required.

The legislation that enabled the program passed the House and Senate unanimously last year. The bill's sponsors, Reps. Jonathan Dever (R-Cincinnati) and Margaret Condit (R-Liberty Twp.) said it would help lift people with disabilities out of poverty by allowing them to make and save more money without losing vital programs for their care. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 20, 2015)

### **Brown Touts Columbus Transportation Future As Federal Grant Is Announced For Bus Program**

Federal officials were in Columbus Wednesday to announce a \$37 million grant designed to improve public transit in a corridor of Columbus.

The grant, presented by Federal Transit Administration Acting Administrator Carolyn Flowers and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Avon), is designed to help fund a bus rapid transit system along the Cleveland Avenue corridor in Northeast Columbus.

Sen. Brown praised the system as a way of improving access to jobs and increasing opportunities for people who use the route. The system will cut down on the time people spend waiting for buses and riding buses, he said.

"One of the beauties of doing this right in such a progressive city like Columbus is it will make people's lives better and make their time more theirs," he said.

The bus rapid transit program, known as CMAX, will stretch from downtown to Westerville, with 32 bus stops, two new park-and-ride lots and 15 new compressed natural gas buses. It is expected to launch in January 2018.

COTA President and CEO W. Curtis Stitt praised Sen. Brown for his work to maintain the level of funding for public transit programs in the latest long-term transportation authorization bill.

"Without his steadfast support, funding for this would have been impossible," Mr. Stitt said.

After the event and ceremonial grant signing, Sen. Brown said he believed the new bus line would help Columbus win the U.S. Department of Transportation's Smart City Challenge.

The Ohio Legislature last week adopted a resolution (SCR 21) urging the DOT to choose Columbus. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 24, 2016)

Winning the Smart City Challenge, he said would be bigger than just winning \$40 million for transportation programs, he said. Columbus groups have offered an additional \$90 million in investment if Columbus, one of seven national finalists, lands the grant this summer.

"It makes us bigger as a city and as a state nationally," Sen. Brown said. "There will be all kinds of creative people in Central Ohio parlaying that into all kinds of things."

Sen. Brown also said he didn't think the CMAX program precludes Columbus from receiving funding for possible light rail programs later on.

"We're not saying no to light rail," he said. "I think that nothing's off the table."

### **Restraining Order Extended In Planned Parenthood Defund; Group Reaches Settlement Over Fetal Remains**

Planned Parenthood scored two legal victories in recent days, including Wednesday's extension of a temporary restraining order preventing the state from defunding the organization.

The TRO extension was issued by federal Judge Michael Barrett and will remain in effect until Aug. 5. Another hearing on the matter is scheduled for Aug. 2.

Planned Parenthood cheered the ruling in a statement issued Wednesday afternoon.

"Without the action by the court today, some of Ohio's most vulnerable citizens would be left without health care options. Especially for families in underserved areas, Planned Parenthood is the only place to turn," said Iris Harvey, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio.

"Our government should be supporting programs that serve to improve the health and safety of our communities, not using Ohioans as political pawns. We want the people of Ohio to know one thing: Our doors are staying open, no matter what."

Right to Life Ohio blasted the ruling as judicial activism.

"The decision to extend the restraining order casts a light on the might and influence of Big Abortion, even in a pro-life state. Despite the will of Ohio voters, an unelected judge just halted their democratically enacted, constitutional law by another two months," spokeswoman Katherine Franklin said in a statement. "The conscience rights of all Ohioans, including pro-life Ohioans, matter. By preventing the enactment of this legislation, the judge is sending the opposite signal to half of Ohio's voters."



The defunding of the group - which would cost Planned Parenthood \$1.1 million annually in state money - was approved by lawmakers through a bill (HB 294) signed into law by Gov. John Kasich earlier this year. The cutoff was set to go into effect on May 23.

However, Judge Barrett last week initially issued a temporary restraining order through June 6, ruling the organization was likely to succeed in its lawsuit on both First Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment grounds. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 23, 2016)

In a separate case, the organization has reached a settlement with the Department of Health that will require the state to pay \$45,447 in attorney fees. Federal Judge Edmund A. Sargus Jr. will maintain jurisdiction over the case to ensure the settlement agreement is enforced.

The settlement stems from an investigation by Attorney General Mike DeWine that allegedly found that Planned Parenthood affiliates violated Ohio Administrative Code by handing over fetal remains to companies that dispose of them in landfills - a claim the group denied. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 11, 2015)

The court, however, issued a 28-day temporary restraining order against any legal action stemming from the AG's investigation into the group's abortion policies. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 15, 2015)

Soon after, Mr. DeWine announced that he would not enforce the "humane disposal" section of the Administrative Code while the Department of Health and General Assembly sought to further clarify the law. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 18, 2015)

Mr. DeWine's investigation led to a flurry of legislative activity, including a measure (HB 417) that would require the woman seeking an abortion to choose either burial or cremation. Another bill (HB 419) would require the director of the Department of Health to adopt rules requiring abortion facilities to dispose of fetal remains by burial or cremation. Similar legislation (SB 254) was introduced in and recently cleared the Senate.

### **Senate, Committees Set To Return Late September**

The Senate and its committees are set to return to Columbus in late September, according to a schedule released by the chamber on Wednesday.

Senate President Keith Faber (R-Celina) has set session and committee dates on September 27, 28 and 29, followed by meetings on October 4, 5 and 6.

The chamber could then return to action after the November election, with if-needed dates set for November 9 and 10.

Dates are also scheduled for November 15, 16, 22 (if needed), 29 and 30.

The chamber is set for session and committee dates on December 1, 6, 7 and 8, with if-needed sessions on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

The House last week released its schedule for the remainder of the year, with the calendar showing as many as eight session dates. None of the dates on the House schedule are before the election. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 27, 2016)

### **State Plans Quicker Notification For Harmful Algal Blooms**

State agencies have retooled their approach to public outreach efforts when it comes to harmful algal blooms in the state's recreational waterways.

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the departments of Health and Natural Resources, in a joint announcement, recently outlined a new strategy to increase awareness among citizens before they enter the water.

As part of the plan, the state will be quicker in issuing public health advisories by basing those alerts solely on the levels of harmful algal bloom toxins, such as microcystin, ODH Medical Director Mary DiOrio said.

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"In this case it's clear that veterans were nothing more than a prop for Donald Trump when he needed them...and he only actually paid up what he said he'd already paid when called on it later," Mr. Pepper continued. "All this shows Donald Trump is not fit to be president."

Mr. Trump attributed the delay in issuing the checks to the process of vetting the various charities. He did not explain the discrepancy between the \$5.6 million figure and his previous claims to have raised more than \$6 million. He said veterans were greatly pleased by his contribution and support.

"I have raised a tremendous amount of money for the vets," Mr. Trump said. "I have been thanked by so many veterans groups throughout the United States."

He made additional headlines Tuesday for the combative nature of his press conference, during which he blasted the media - calling one reporter "a sleaze" - and said he would continue that contentious relationship with the media if elected president.

Mr. Worley, an Adams County commissioner who served three tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, questioned Mr. Trump's leadership following the candidate's early criticism of Sen. John McCain for being captured as a prisoner of war and for his conflicting statements on the permissibility of torture.

"Trump is a classic example of someone who will promise things - say he's doing things for veterans - but will turn around and not follow through on his promises," Mr. Worley said. "He is not a leader that cares about people. He only cares about himself."

During Mr. Trump's press conference, 22-year retired Marine and New Hampshire State Rep. Al Baldasaro shot back against claims Mr. Trump doesn't support veterans.

"I would never in a million years put my name on a candidate who did not from his heart look me in the eye and tell me he is concerned about veterans," Mr. Baldasaro said, urging the media to "get your heads out of your butts and focus on the real issues."

**Politics Notebook: ACLU Concerned With RNC Media Restrictions; Brown Talks Pensions; Portman Airs First TV Ads...**

On Wednesday, the ACLU of Ohio voiced concerns that potential flight restrictions and new credentialing procedures will hinder media access to the Republican National Convention.

In a letter to media outlets, ACLU Legal Director Freda Levenson said, "Increased control by the government over media access at the RNC presents serious First Amendment concerns."

Journalists planning to cover the July event in Cleveland must currently be screened and credentialed by the Secret Service. And expanded use of flight restrictions could be implemented by the Federal Aviation Administration to create no-fly zones around the event.

"The new credentialing process may reduce the ability of reporters to get access to events as they unfold," Ms. Levenson wrote. "Restrictions put in place by the FAA could completely block the ability of news agencies to obtain aerial footage of the convention, protests, and the actions of law enforcement."

A day prior, Cleveland leaders announced new security plans for the event, which is expected to draw 50,000 people. Officials didn't provide specifics - saying that doing so could compromise security - but outlined the training and organizational efforts being undertaken in advance of the event.

The same day, the RNC Host Committee announced a joint beautification effort to establish "a brighter, more welcoming experience along the main pedestrian and vehicular thoroughfares in downtown Cleveland."

**Pensions:** U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Avon), while in Columbus with federal transportation officials to present a \$37 million grant to the Central Ohio Transit Authority (*see separate story*), criticized Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky) for blocking a bill Sen. Brown sponsored to shore up pension plans for miners.

Sen. Brown has been pushing for the Senate to consider the Miners Protection Act he sponsored alongside Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) before breaking for the summer. The bill is an effort to address the shortfall in the United Mine Workers of America's 1974 pension plan, which was 94% funded before 2008 and is now severely underfunded due to the financial crisis and fewer active workers, according to Sen. Brown's office.

"One senator, the Republican leader in the Senate, has blocked the Senate from doing its job to protect these miners," Sen. Brown said.

Sen. Brown stressed the "urgent need" to address the pension shortfall in a letter to Sen. McConnell last week.

The senator also said he hoped lawmakers could work together to fix similar pension concerns faced by Teamsters.

**Cincinnati Zoo:** Rep. Denise Driehaus (D-Cincinnati) urged citizens to wait for investigations to conclude before jumping to conclusions about the recent killing of a gorilla after a 3-year-old boy entered the animal's exhibit.

A 17-year-old silverback, named Harambe, was shot and killed May 28 after the boy crawled into the exhibit and fell 15 feet into a moat separating the animals from visitors. Protestors said the gorilla appeared to be protecting the boy, although video, which does not show the entire ordeal, shows the 450-pound animals dragging the boy by the leg through the moat several times.

Protestors argue workers should have tranquilized the animal. But zoo officials contend doing so could have enraged the gorilla and that tranquilizers would take up to 10 minutes to go into effect.

In the wake of the incident, Sen. Cecil Thomas (D-Cincinnati) told the *Cincinnati Enquirer* he's looking into whether a law should be drafted to levy fines or criminal charges on one who causes the death, by their negligence, of an endangered animal.

In a statement Wednesday, Rep. Driehaus said she'd spoken "at length" with Cincinnati Zoo Director Thane Maynard and urged caution from those judging actions of zoo officials and the family involved.

"I trust the zoo officials and am confident they exercised their best professional judgment given the harrowing circumstances," Rep. Driehaus said. "Though losing Harambe is truly tragic, our community can take comfort in the fact that the zoo prevented the serious injury or death of a three-year-old child. I am thankful the zoo protected this young boy's life."

Later in the day, the *Enquirer* reported that an investigation had concluded and no charges would be filed.

**U.S. Senate Race:** U.S. Sen. Rob Portman's (R-Terrace Park) reelection campaign launched his first television ads this week.

The three ads are intended to showcase Sen. Portman's efforts to combat the prescription drug and heroin epidemic. They're part of a \$15 million ad buy stretching until November that was announced last month. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 12, 2016)

"Working together with Democrats and Republicans, I passed legislation to help break the grip of addiction," Sen. Portman said in one of the ads. "By investing in prevention, treatment, and recovery, empowering law enforcement, and stopping the over prescribing of painkillers, we can turn the tide."

NARAL Pro-Choice America, meanwhile, announced its own ad campaign targeting Sen. Portman. The campaign is aimed at pressuring Sen. Portman and other Republicans to fulfill the ongoing Supreme Court vacancy.

"NARAL is stepping up to ensure Sen. Portman does the job the people of Ohio elected him to do," NARAL Senior Vice President Sasha Bruce said.

Sen. Portman, who like many of his colleagues believes the next president should fill the post, previously said his stance is "the right thing for the country." (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 9, 2016)

Former Democratic Gov. Ted Strickland, who's running in an effort to unseat Sen. Portman, landed the endorsement of the American Federation of Teachers, the group announced Wednesday.

"The future of our state depends on whether we are committed to our children," Ohio Federation of Teachers President Melissa Cropper said. "Ohio students and parents need the kind of arduous support Governor Strickland provides in making education his highest priority."

#### **Capitol Scene: Kasich Names Kalmbach Press Secretary; Buckeye Institute Adds Research, Communications Staff**

Gov. John Kasich on Wednesday named Emmalee Kalmbach as his press secretary.

Currently the communications director for Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor, the Bob Jones University graduate recently served as a member of the communications team for the governor's presidential campaign.

The native of Littleton, N.H. is also the former communications director for the Massachusetts Republican Party.

Ms. Kalmbach replaces Joe Andrews, who has been serving as the governor's interim press secretary since Rob Nichols departed last summer to work on the campaign. Mr. Andrews will return to his position as communications director for the Department of Public Safety.

In another development impacting the governor's staff, Jon Keeling, a former political blogger and deputy communications director for Mr. Kasich, has been named spokesman for the Department of Job and Family Services.

**Buckeye Institute:** The Columbus-based free market think tank on Wednesday announced two new staff members with the aim of focusing on budget and labor issues.

Orphe Divounguy was named economist in the Institute's Economic Research Center, and Jeff Reed will serve as the group's communications director.

Mr. Divounguys research will focus on current economic issues, including public assistance programs and labor policies, and will entail "dynamic" scoring and analysis of

budgets in Ohio and other states, according to the group. Mr. Reed will lead the organization's state and national press relations and marketing.

"We are excited about the ideas and experience Jeff and Orphe bring to The Buckeye Institute and to Ohio," President and CEO Robert Alt said in a statement.

"The expansion of our Economic Research Center will make Buckeye the go-to resource for economic analysis of legislation. And Mr. Reed's extensive background in marketing will assure that our ideas are seen around the state and across the country."

Mr. Divounguy holds degrees from England's University of Southampton, and after receiving his Ph.D., he served as a teaching and research fellow and international economic consultant.

Mr. Reed previously served as the global communications leader for Corporate Responsibility at Indiana-based Cummins Inc. The Ohio University graduate previously held posts with the Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice and the American Legislative Exchange Council in Washington, D.C.

#### **Governor's Appointments**

**Community Schools Dropout Recovery Study Committee:** Alex Johnson of Solon for a term beginning May 31, 2016 and continuing at the pleasure of the governor.

**Cleveland State University Board of Trustees:** Todd C. Davidson of Cleveland for a term beginning May 31, 2016 and ending May 1, 2025.

**Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas:** Thomas D. Heekin Jr. of Cincinnati will assume office on June 6, 2016 and must run in the November 2016 general election to retain the seat for the full term commencing January 4, 2017. Mr. Heekin holds degrees from the University of Colorado and University of Cincinnati. He has been a criminal litigator for Heekin & Heekin since 2002.

**State Employment Relations Board:** J. Richard Lumpe of Columbus for a term beginning June 1, 2016 and ending October 6, 2021.

#### **Supplemental Agency Calendar**

##### **Thursday, June 2**

Elections Commission, Rm. East B., 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

##### **Monday, June 6**

STEM Designation Committee, 25 S. Front St., Columbus, 1 p.m.

##### **Wednesday, June 8**

Consumers' Counsel Governing Board, Suite 1800, 10 W. Broad St., Columbus, 9 a.m.



**Thursday, June 16**

Expositions Commission, Voinovich Center, 717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, 11 a.m.

**Supplemental Event Planner**

**Thursday, June 30**

20th Annual Rockin' Fiscal Eve, Miller's Ale House, 1201 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, 5 p.m.,  
(All-invited celebration  
of the end of MBRs in FY 2016 with MBRs (Massive Beer Rounds). Parking adjacent to building.)

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## Senate Activity for Wednesday, June 1, 2016

### INTRODUCED

**SB 337** ■ **ROAD NAMING** (Hughes, J.) To designate a portion of Interstate Route 270 in Franklin County as the "Hilliard Patrol Officer Sean Johnson Memorial Highway." Am. 5534.44

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### **Legislative Committees**

No legislative committees scheduled.

### **Agency Calendar**

Construction Industry Licensing Board, 6606 Tussing Road, OCILB Conference Room, Reynoldsburg, 10 a.m. (HVAC Section)

Elections Commission, Rm. East B., 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

State Employment Relations Board, 65 E. State St., 12th Fl., Columbus, 10 a.m.

### **Event Planner**

Ohio Department of Taxation public hearing on proposed current agricultural use values, 22nd Floor, 30 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 10 a.m.

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Inmate walks off job site in Logan (Athens Messenger, 6/24/2016)

Donald Trump finally hires Ohio campaign manager (Cincinnati Enquirer, 6/24/2016)

Hillary Clinton coming to Cincinnati Monday with Elizabeth Warren (Cincinnati Enquirer, 6/24/2016)

Poll: Ohio divided on transgender bathrooms (Cincinnati Enquirer, 6/24/2016)

Judge overturns Cleveland's restrictions on RNC protests: Ohio Politics Roundup (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/24/2016)

Ohio Democrats to push package of gay rights bills: What to watch for Friday (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/24/2016)

Proposed amendment advocating prayer in Ohio schools rejected on technicality (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/24/2016)

Rob Portman to help rehabilitate homes for Habitat for Humanity during Republican National Convention (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/24/2016)

Kasich's Democratic pick for PUCO raises Statehouse concerns over 'past activism' (Columbus Business First, 6/24/2016)

Advocates seek return to civility amid caustic campaign (Columbus Dispatch, 6/24/2016)

Campaign veteran Bob Paduchik to lead Trump's Ohio campaign (Columbus Dispatch, 6/24/2016)

Ohio recognized for cutting government red tape, saving money (Columbus Dispatch, 6/24/2016)

Ohioans in poll oppose choice for transgender bathroom use (Columbus Dispatch, 6/24/2016)

State to crack down on drunken boating (Columbus Dispatch, 6/24/2016)

Voters support Ohio library building boom (Dayton Daily News, 6/24/2016)

Advocates call for more civility in election discourse (Toledo Blade, 6/24/2016)

## **Editorials**

Gun violence and GOP inaction (Akron Beacon Journal, 6/24/2016)

Cleveland's onerous restrictions on RNC protests must go: editorial (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/24/2016)

Dump Trump effort, revived: Editorial Board Roundtable (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/24/2016)

SEIU's \$15 minimum wage issue targets Cleveland for all the wrong reasons: Brent Larkin (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/24/2016)

Many owe their lives to Coleman (Columbus Dispatch, 6/24/2016)

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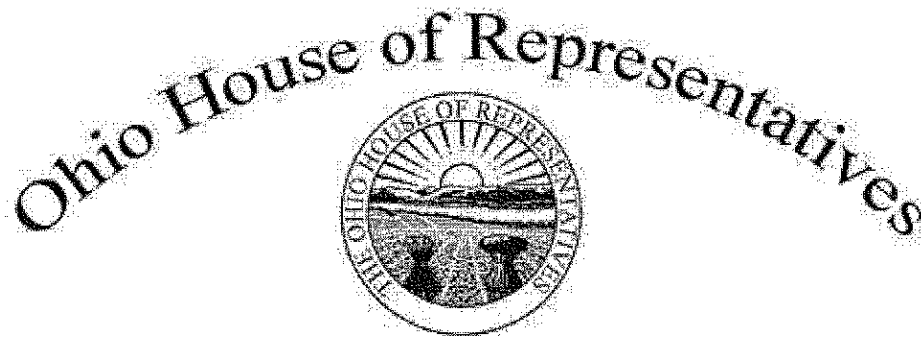
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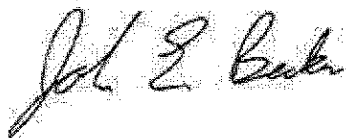
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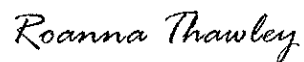
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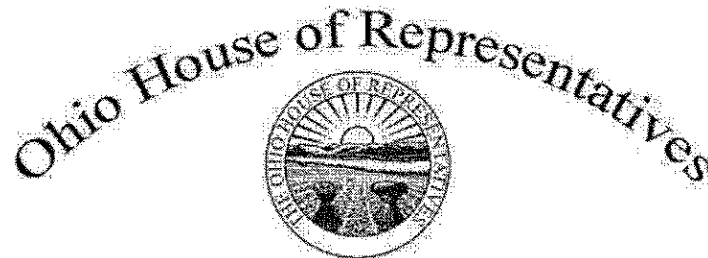
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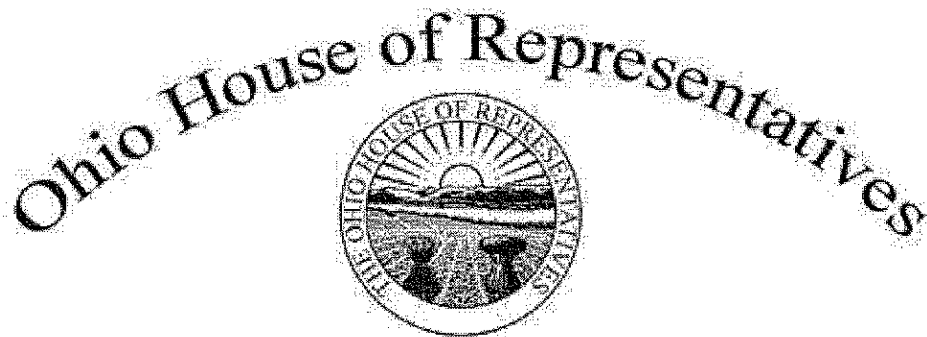
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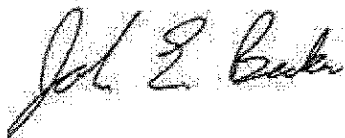
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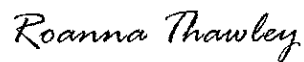
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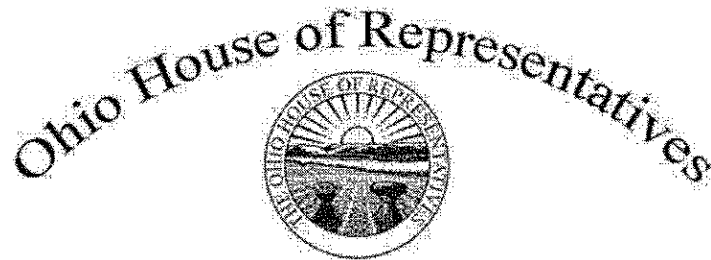


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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 9:12 AM

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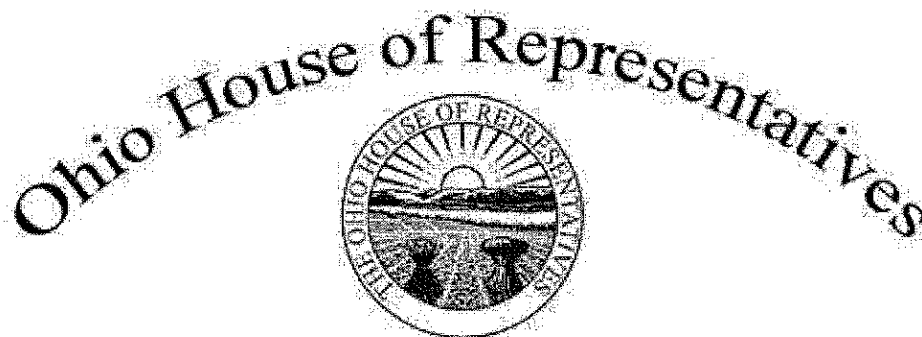
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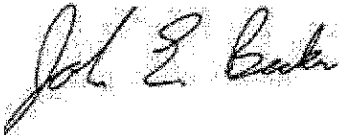
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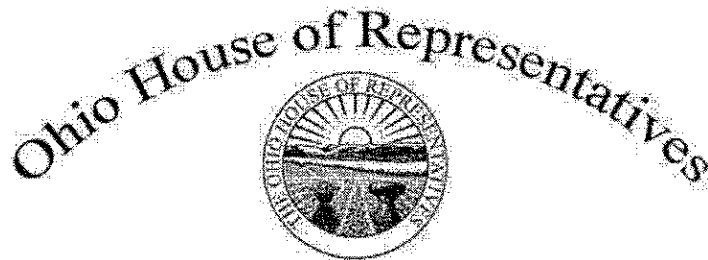


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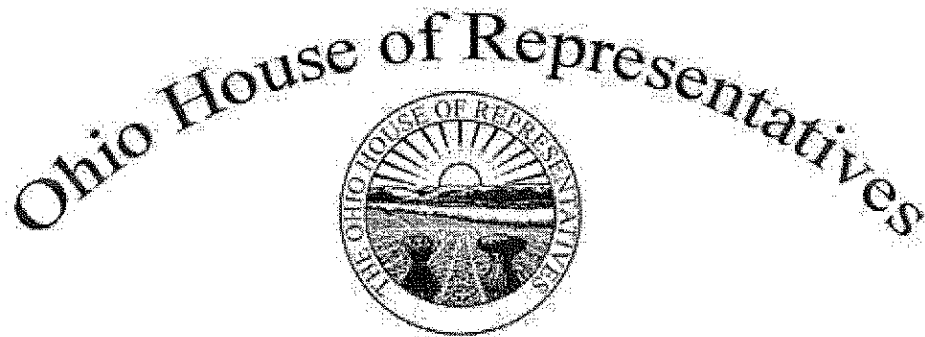
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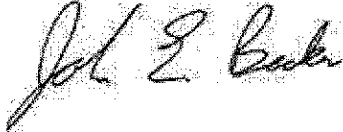
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Let me know if you have any questions!

**Alexandra Adams**

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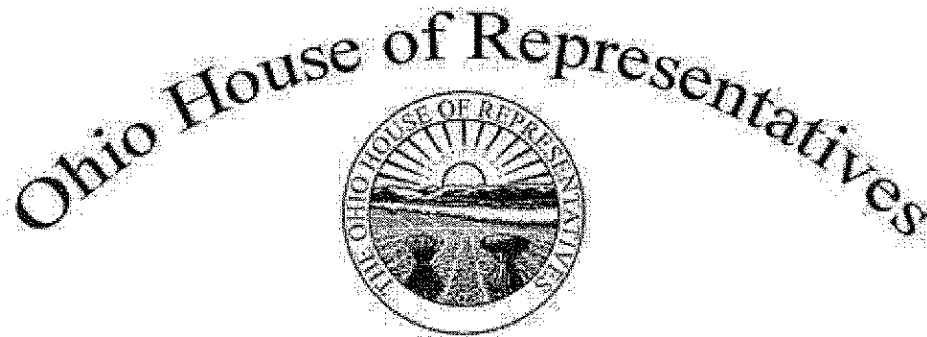
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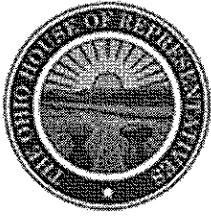
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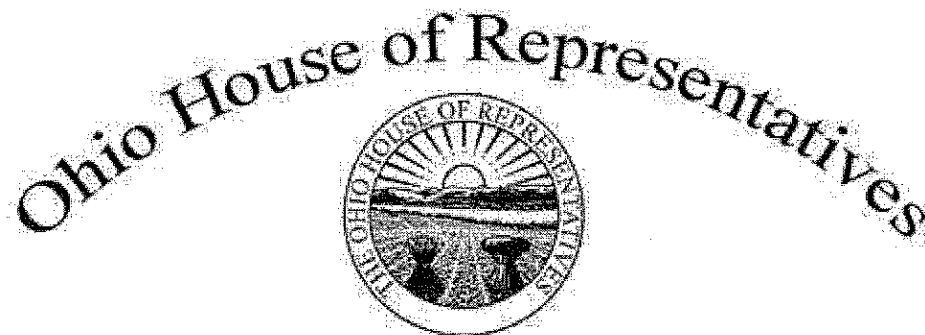
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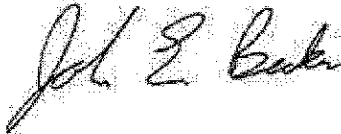
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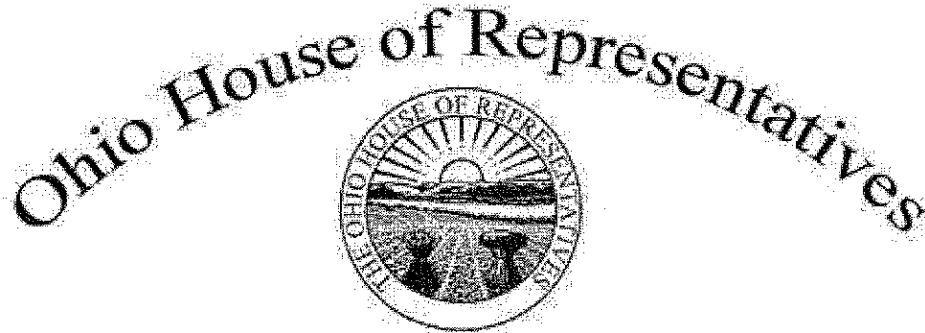
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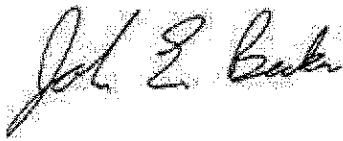
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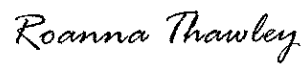
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Thanks!

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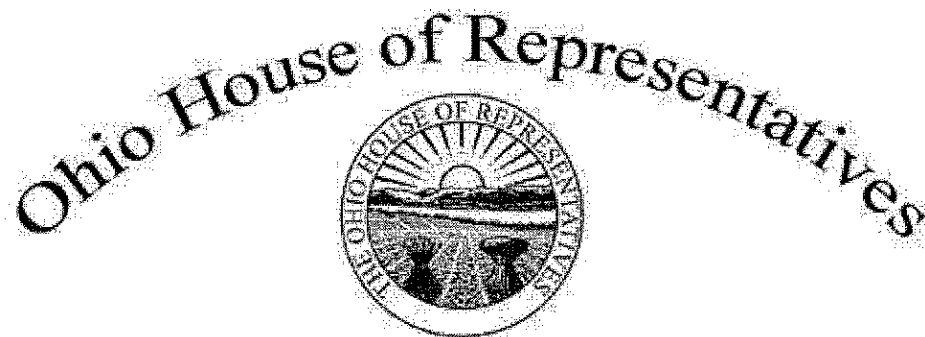
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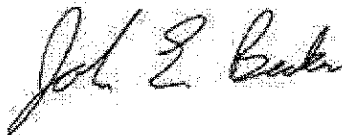
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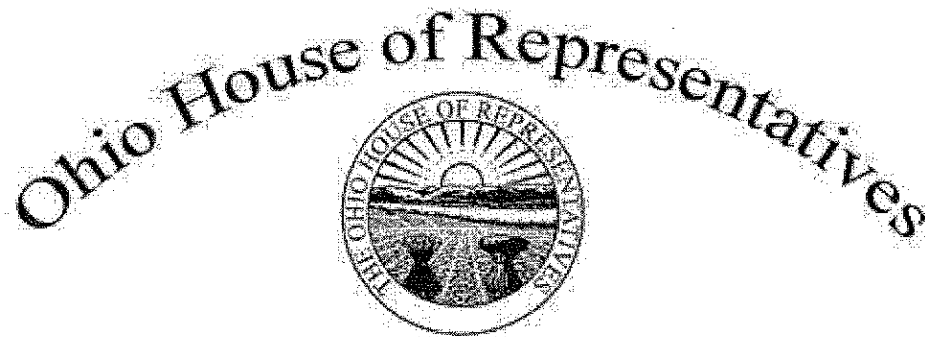
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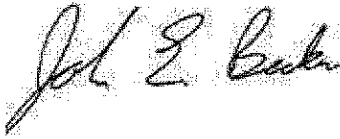
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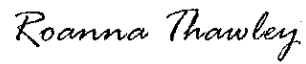
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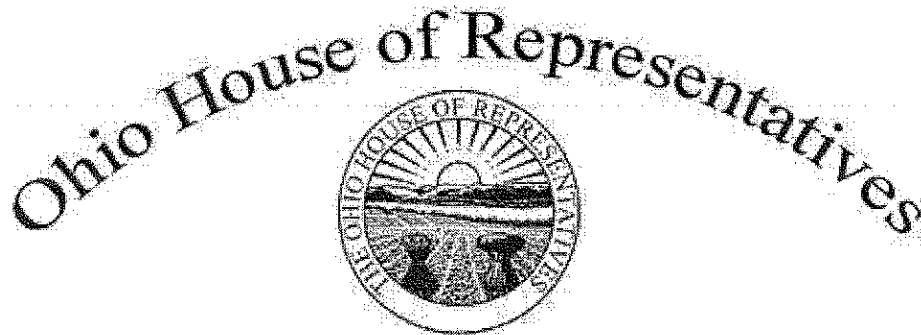
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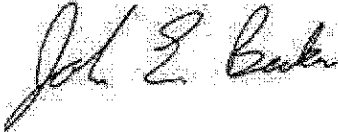
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